# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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HIV GUIDELINES FROM UNAIDS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether UNAIDS has introduced new HIV guidelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to implement these guidelines; and

(d) the impact of the existing programmes to contain AIDS in India?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 582 FOR 16th May 2007.

As per the available information at NACO, UNAIDS regularly publishes HIV AIDS related guidelines to strengthen the existing HIV/AIDS control program in the member countries. The list of guidelines published by UNAIDS in the recent years is annexed. National AIDS Control Organization makes use of these guidelines for operationalising the various HIV/AIDS interventions. NACO has also published recently operational guidelines on issues like ART program, ICTC program, Targeted intervention program and STI program. These guidelines are meant for program managers for monitoring the successful implementation in the field.

The Government of India is implementing National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) to control the spread of HIV/AIDS by up-scaling targeted interventions among the high risk groups, behaviour change communication for improved awareness specifically among women and children, expanding the preventive care, blood safety, support and treatment of HIV infected persons including treatment of opportunistic infections and provision of free antiretroviral drugs and mainstreaming HIV intervention strategies. According to recent National Sentinel Surveillance , two States namely Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra out of the six known high prevalence States have shown HIV prevalence among antenatal women as less than 1%. Whereas HIV prevalence in other States have remained stable. India continues to be in the category of concentrated epidemic, with an overall prevalence of less than 1 % among adult population and a total of 183 districts have been identified in the country for priority attention. With the specific interventions under the programme, it has been possible to maintain the HIV prevalence among general population as less than 1 % and Tamil Nadu has shown decreasing trends during the last three years.

Annexure-I

HIV Guidelines from UNAIDS

1. Terminology Guidelines

2. Setting National Targets for Moving Towards Universal Access; Operational guidance

3. International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights

4. The Global Task Team, a pathway to implement the `Three Ones`, Opportunities for Scaling Up the Response to HIV at Country Level - Guidance Note

5. Guidelines for Conducting HIV Sentinel Serosurveys among Pregnant Women and Other Groups

6. Guidelines for effective use of data from HIV surveillance systems

7. Initiating Second Generation HIV Surveillance Systems; Practical Guidelines (SGS)

8. HIV, health and your community: a guide for action

9. Revised Guideline 6 Access to prevention, treatment, care and support

10. Monitoring the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS Guidelines on Construction of Core Indicators (full doc 2003)

11. HIV/AIDS, Human Resources & Sustainable Development (WSSD, World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, August 26, 2002)

12. National AIDS Councils: Monitoring and Evaluation Operations Manual

13. Guidelines for using HIV Testing technologies in Surveillance: Selection, Evaluation and Implementation.

14. National AIDS programmes: a guide to Monitoring and Evaluation

15. HIV and Infant Feeding Counselling:

16. Social Marketing. Expanding access to essential products and services to prevent HIV/AIDS and to limit the impact of the epidemic

17. Ethical considerations in HIV preventive vaccine research. UNAIDS guidance document

18. Guidelines for Sexually Transmitted Infections Surveillance

19. Guidelines for Second Generation HIV Surveillance. The next decade

20. HIV and Infant Feeding:

21. Guidelines for organizing national external quality assessment schemes for HIV serological testing